

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-11, 13-20, 22-24, 27, 31, 51, 53-55, 57, 58, 60, 62-67, and 89-95 are pending in the application. All pending claims stand rejected, and this amendment accompanies an appeal brief filed upon a Notice of Appeal dated 27 September 2004. M.P.E.P. § 1207. These amendments have not been incorporated into the claims as presented in Appendix A of that appeal brief because they have not yet been entered by the Examiner.

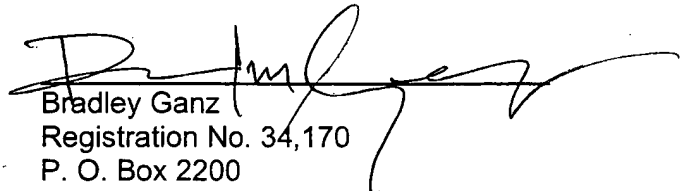
This amendment removes a few issues from appeal by rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 presented in the Office action dated 23 August 2004. Claims 4-6 have been amended to conform to the language of claim 1, and claim 8 has been amended to more clearly specify which module is referenced by the term "the module." The Office action stated that "the module" was recited on line 22 of claim 8, but the term appears on line 14 of the claim. This minor discrepancy likely resulted from different formats for visualizing claim 8. However, the term "the module" appeared only once in the amended claim 8 presented in the 14 May 2004 Amendment and Response that applicant submitted.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks and/or amendments, the first issue stated in the accompanying appeal brief (regarding the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112) has been removed from appeal in compliance with M.P.E.P. § 1207.

Respectfully submitted,

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